"Wisdom from the Wise Men"

I. God speaks to us in <u>ways we can understand</u>

"For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities – his eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse." (Romans 1:20)

II. We must be ready to <u>listen for God's voice</u>

"I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near. A star will come out of Jacob; a scepter will rise out of Israel." (Numbers 24:17)

III. God will guide us faithfully as we follow him

"By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going." (Hebrews 11:8)

IV. Finding Christ is worth any cost

"I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus, my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things." (Philippians 3:8)

V. Jesus is the promised King who cannot be stopped

"He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed." (Daniel 7:14)

VI. Familiarity with Jesus is not enough

"He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him." (John 1:11)

VII. There is great joy in <u>finding Christ</u>

"Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible joy." (I Peter 1:8)

VIII. Jesus Christ is worthy of worship

"After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: 'Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne and to the Lamb." (Revelation 7:9-10)

IX. Sacrificial giving is an <u>act of worship</u>

"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)

X. Obedience to God is evidence of a <u>changed life</u>

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ he is a new creation; the old had gone, the new has come!" (2 Corinthians 5:17)